GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
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Rising Sea Level
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Scientists have warned that severe crisis looms over the coastal areas in view of the continuously rising sea level and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether the Government has any plan to channelize the water from melting of Himalayan and other glaciers due to global warming into all the rivers of the country;
(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefore; and
(d) whether the channelizing of this water in all the rivers of the country would benefit the agriculture sector and have an impact on the sea level and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

(a) The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has published a report named "Climate Change 2014 - Synthesis Report". It projected that global mean sea level will continue to rise during the 21st century and coastal systems will increasingly experience submergence, flooding and erosion throughout the 21st century and beyond.
(b) to (d) The government doesn't have any such plans. It is expected that the Paris Agreement to be implemented from 2020 will combat the adverse effects of climate change including the impact on coastal areas, glaciers etc.
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